

Japanese Technical Cooperation to Improve Agricultural Production

355. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government would consider the Japanese technical co-operation to improve agricultural productivity in India since productivity per hectare in Japan is nearly three times more than that in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal under consideration for Japanese Technical Cooperation to improve agricultural productivity in India.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of High Power Doordarshan Relay Centre at Chobatia

*356. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation regarding setting up of High Power Doordarshan Relay Centre at Chobatia in Ranikhet during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no approved scheme as yet in this regard.

[*English*]

Implementation of Palekar Award

357. SHRI STYENDRA NARAIN SINHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) Whether any State Government has reported that certain newspaper establishments are not implementing the Palekar Award for working journalists ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against these establishments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are responsible for enforcing the Award. Information received from various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations indicates that they are taking legal and persuasive measures to have the Award implemented by the newspaper establishments.

Procurement and Sale Price of Rice

358. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether record 80 lakh metric tonnes has been procured so far as reported in Hindustan Times dated 24 February, 1985 ;

(b) what was the procurement price and sale price of rice and whether any losses were incurred by Government and if so, details of such losses including handling, transport and storage losses ;

(c) whether State Governments are debarred or discouraged from procurement of foodgrains in their own States and outside their States ; and

(d) if so, whether Central Government meet the requirements of State Government agencies for Public Distribution System and for any other welfare projects and if not reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. A total of 80.64 lakhs MT of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) has been procured according to reports received upto 15.3.85.